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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Holiday Safety Message

1. In honor of the American worker, Labor Day will be observed 1–4 September 2006. This holiday began over 100 years ago with parades to honor working men and women. Labor Day also signals the end of summer when families take their last outings of the season. Commanders, directors, and supervisors must stress to Soldiers and civilians the importance of driving safely during the long holiday weekend.

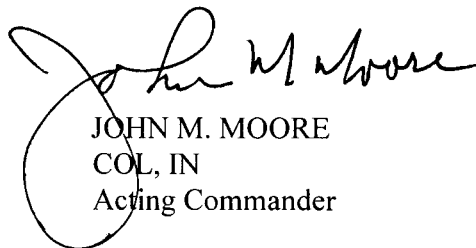
2. To ensure this holiday is accident free, leaders at all levels will place safety as their number one priority during pre-holiday briefings. Unit briefings should address the following:

a. Safe driving practices: Do not drink and drive and do not let anyone drive if drunk. Wear your seat belt; it is the law! Ensure all passengers are buckled up. Obey the posted speed limits and always watch out for the other guy. Adjust departure/arrival times to allow for rest breaks and traffic congestion. A properly maintained vehicle will ensure safer traveling. Use extreme caution during adverse weather conditions.

b. Motorcycle/ATV safety: The rider must wear an approved helmet, full finger gloves, long pants and long sleeved shirts, and over the ankle shoes/boots. Reflective belt or vest is required. The rider must have an approved motorcycle safety course and the ATV rider must have taken an approved ATV riders safety course. Never loan your bike to anyone. Drive with extreme caution.

c. Boating/swimming safety: Maintain situational awareness of the weather. All occupants will wear a personal flotation device (PFD). A float plan should be given to a friend or neighbor as a precautionary measure. Ensure the emergency radio works before launching the boat. Swimmers should use the buddy system and never extend their abilities. Drinking alcohol and operating a boat equals a DWI when stopped by the US Coast Guard.

3. All MSCs will report compliance with the above safety requirements and the command policy letters to the SGS NLT 1500, 31 August 2006; 0630, 1 September 2006; and 1530, 5 September 2006.



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